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1. The Kroeger shipyard in Warnemuende, a small concern which in the past employed 60-80 workers, has recently been made a subsidiary of the Wismar shipyard. Although the Kroeger shipyard is a socialized concern, the plant, to all practical purposes, is said to be actually managed by the Soviet authorities.
2. By the beginning of October the number of workers had been increased to 250; it is planned to raise the number of workers in the next few months to over one thousand men. Buildings and installations will be considerably enlarged, so that the Kroeger shipyard actually continues only in name. Beginning in 1948 this yard will be used for the repair of seagoing vessels of over 10,000 gross registered tons, the first of which will be a 12,000 ton ship.
3. The compound of the Kroeger shipyard, lying considerably nearer the Baltic Sea than either the Neptun yard in Rostock or the repair shipyards in Wismar, is well suited for the repair of seagoing vessels; it will, however, be necessary to dredge the river Warnow from its estuary to the shipyard, i.e., for about 1 1/2 kilometers, from a depth of four to approximately seven meters. This work is to be carried out within the next ten weeks.
4. According to a special order, the railway car factory which was formerly attached to the Wismar shipyard was not permitted to finish repair work on railway cars although the necessary materials were available. The workers of the car factory were immediately assigned to the shipyards to help in the repair of former German seagoing vessels which are destined for Russia.
5. The Mars, a seagoing vessel of approximately 4,000 tons, is being reconstructed in the Wismar shipyards. It is planned to use this ship for naval research work and to provide it with about one hundred cabins to house the scientific staff and the nautical equipment which is being supplied from Russia.

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